

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) An apparatus for the provision of a block flange of a manhole aperture or the like, in particular for fluidized bed reactors for the oxychlorination of ethylene, oxygen and HCl, having a wall flange fixed in the reactor wall, wherein the flange surface (5) pointing inward and downward in the direction of gravity is of beveled design, at least in some areas.
2. (original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bevel of the surface (5) is so great, at least in its area that is lowest in the direction of gravity, that deposition of catalyst granules or the like is prevented.
3. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the bevel of the surface (5) is designed to increase, beginning from the horizontal median plane (6) in the inner edge region toward the vertical center (7) of the flange ring.

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Patent claims:

1. An apparatus for the provision of a block flange of a manhole aperture or the like, in particular for fluidized bed reactors for the oxychlorination of ethylene, oxygen and HCl, having a wall flange fixed in the reactor wall, wherein the flange surface (5) pointing inward and downward in the direction of gravity is of beveled design, at least in some areas.
2. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bevel of the surface (5) is so great, at least in its area that is lowest in the direction of gravity, that deposition of catalyst granules or the like is prevented.
3. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the bevel of the surface (5) is designed to increase, beginning from the horizontal median plane (6) in the inner edge region toward the vertical center (7) of the flange ring.

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